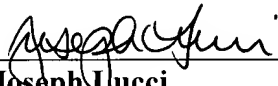


Conclusion

Applicants submit that the claims are in condition for allowance, and an early Office Action to that effect is earnestly solicited.

Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the specification and claims by the current amendment. The attached page is captioned "**Version with markings to show changes made.**"

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VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

The first paragraph of the specification has been deleted and replaced with the new paragraph shown above.

Claims 10 to 14 have been cancelled and new claims 15 to 45 have been added.